

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Cover device for closing and clearing a convertible top compartment for storing of a vehicle roof in a rear area of a body of the convertible motor vehicle, comprising:

a rear cover part adapted for being movably supported on the vehicle body in an installed state of the cover device,

a front cover part which is supported on the rear cover part, and

means for moving the front cover part between a covering position in which it extends forward of the rear cover part, and a deposited position in which it is located under the rear cover part, said means for moving comprising a first bearing means for moving the front cover part relative to the rear cover part in a lengthwise direction and a second bearing means for raising and lowering the front cover relative to the rear cover part,

wherein the second bearing means is supported on a carriage which is longitudinally movable relative to the first bearing means.

2. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first bearing means has a first guide rail which is supported on the rear cover part and a second guide rail which is movably supported on the first guide rail, the second guide rail being forwardly extendable relative to the first guide rail and bearing the front cover part.

3. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first guide rail is securely mounted on the rear cover part and the second bearing means is a lifting means for raising and lowering the front cover part.

4. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second bearing means is a multiple lever mechanism which supports the front cover part on the second guide rail.

5. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the multiple lever mechanism is a four bar linkage mechanism.

6. (Currently Amended) Cover device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second bearing means is supported on [[a]] said carriage which is longitudinally movable on the second guide rail.

7. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second guide rail has a guide path on which a control part of the first bearing means is engaged, the guide path controlling lifting and lowering of the front cover part.

8. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the second guide rail has a guide path on which a control part of the four bar linkage mechanism is engaged, the guide path controlling lifting and lowering of the front cover part; wherein the second bearing means is supported on a carriage which is longitudinally movable on the second guide rail, and wherein the four bar linkage mechanism comprises a control rod which contains the control part and a second rod which is pivotally coupled to the carriage and to the front cover part.

9. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the guide path has a control section on a front section of the second guide rail which deflects the control part upward and pivots the control rod upward when the carriage is moved into a front end position.

10. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second bearing means has a pivot bearing which supports a rear section of the first guide rail for a vertical pivoting motion relative to the rear cover part.

11. (Currently Amended) Cover device as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a displacement mechanism for pivoting the first guide rail in a dynamic connection between the mechanism ~~[[it]]~~ and the rear cover part .

12. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear cover part is a trunk lid which is pivotably supported for movement around a rear pivot axis on the vehicle body, and wherein the front cover part forms the cover of the convertible top compartment.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) Cover device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ bearing means for the front cover part includes ~~have~~ guide rails positioned on right and left edge areas of the front cover part thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) Cover device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a drive means with a drive motor and ~~one of~~ compression-tension cables ~~and racks~~.

16. (Original) Cover device as claimed in claim 15, wherein a coupling means couples the bearing means at each of right and left sides for synchronous movement.

17. (Currently Amended) Cover device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a drive for displacing the front cover part includes, at least in part, the first bearing means is ~~derived from the bearing mechanism of the rear cover part~~.

18. (Currently Amended) Convertible motor vehicle, comprising:
a vehicle body with a convertible top compartment in a rear area thereof,
a roof for closing and clearing a passenger compartment of the vehicle body, and

a cover device for closing and clearing the convertible top compartment, said cover device comprising:

a rear cover part which is movably supported on the vehicle body,

a front cover part which is supported on the rear cover part, and

means for moving the front cover part between a covering position in which it extends forward of the rear cover part, and a deposited position in which it is located under the rear cover part, said means for moving comprising a first bearing means for moving the front cover part relative to the rear cover part in a lengthwise direction and a second bearing means for raising and lowering the front cover relative to the rear cover part;

wherein the second bearing means is supported on a carriage which is longitudinally movable relative to the first bearing means.

19. (Original) Convertible motor vehicle as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first bearing means has a first guide rail which is supported on the rear cover part and a second guide rail which is movably supported on the first guide rail, the second guide rail being forwardly extendable relative to the first guide rail and bearing the front cover part.

20. (Original) Convertible motor vehicle as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first guide rail is securely mounted on the rear cover part and the second bearing means is a lifting means for raising and lowering the front cover part.